

Plate V.

1. *Apogon guttulatus*, nat. size.
2. *Apogonichthys narmoratus*, nat. size.
3. „ *Darnleyensis*, nat size.
4. *Ambassis Papuensis*, nat size.
5. *Diagrammu crassilabre*, $\frac{1}{4}$ nat. size.

Plate VI.

1. *Tetraroge Darnleyensis*, nat. size.
2. *Sillago gracilis*, nat. size.
3. *Homalogrystes Guntheri*, $\frac{1}{6}$ nat. size.

Plate VII.

1. *Gerres Cheverti*, nat. size.
2. „ *longicaudis*, $\frac{4}{5}$ nat. size.
3. „ *bispinosus*, nat. size.
4. „ *curinatus*, nat. size.

Plate VIII.

1. *Lethrinus Papuensis*, $\frac{1}{2}$ nat. size.
2. „ *laticaudis*, $\frac{1}{3}$ nat. size.
3. *Gerreomorpha rostrata* $\frac{2}{3}$ in nat. size.

Plate IX.

1. *Pachymetopon squamosum*, about $\frac{1}{3}$ nat. size.
2. *Scorpiis vinosa*, nearly nat. size.
3. *Opisthognathus maculatus*, over $\frac{1}{2}$ nat. size.

Note on *Poëphila Gouldiæ*, by E. PIERSON RAMSAY, F.L.S.,
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Since my last remarks on this species I have received a letter from my friend, Mr. Armitt, of Queensland, who informs me that the male of the bird I exhibited at our last meeting *had a red head and a long pointed tail*. Mr. Armitt also informed me that they

had built a nest near his camp, so he had frequent opportunities of watching the birds, and they were the only pair of the kind he had up to that time met with.

I am fully convinced that the female of *Poëphila mirabilis* has been described by Mr. Gould as *P. Gouldiæ*. The fact of the birds with black heads and more highly colored breasts being found breeding with similar but less brightly tinted females does not prove that they are a distinct species, but is easily accounted for if we remember that many birds are found breeding before they attain the fully adult plumage; and I have no doubt further investigation into this matter will prove that the *young males* retain the plumage of the *adult female* for a considerable period before obtaining the *red* heads which characterise the *fully adult males*. It is much to be regretted that the name bestowed on this beautiful finch by Mr. Gould, in honour of his talented and departed wife, must sink into a synonym. The name of *Poëphila mirabilis*, that previously employed, and originally given to these birds by Messrs. Hombron and Jacquinot must be resumed, and *Poëphila Gouldiæ* must in future be recognised as the female of *P. mirabilis* of Hombron and Jacquinot.